

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

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For: SAMPLING RATE CONVERSION APPARATUS, CODING APPARATUS,
DECODING APPARATUS AND METHODS THEREOF

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Alexandria, VA 22313

Dear Sir:

Pursuant to Rules 56 and 99, Applicants hereby call the attention of the Patent Office to the documents listed on the attached Form PTO-1449. Attached is a Japanese Office Action dated December 15, 2009, which issued in a corresponding Japanese patent application.

The cited art is listed in the attached PTO-1449 for an indication of consideration by the examiner. Copies of any references listed on the PTO-1449, besides U.S. patent documents, are submitted herewith. Cited references JP '788, JP '199, JP '704, JP '648 and JP '799 are not provided since they were previously filed in the Information Disclosure Statements of March 28, 2006 and October 14, 2009.

Applicants present this art so that the Patent Office may, in the first instance, determine any relevancy thereof to the presently claimed invention, see Beckman Instruments, Inc. v. Chemtronics, Inc., 439 F.2d 1369, 1380, 165 USPQ 355, 364 (5th Cir. 1970). Also see Patent Office Rules 104

and 106. Applicants respectfully request that this art be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application and made of record herein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue herefrom.

If any fee is due, it may be charged to deposit account no. 04-1061.

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